

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF)	
EXPERIMENTAL USE OF DIGITAL)	ADMINISTRATIVE
VIDEO RECORDING TECHNOLOGY))	NO. 2001- 076
TO MAKE THE OFFICIAL)	
RECORD OF TRIAL COURT)	
PROCEEDINGS IN MARICOPA)	
COUNTY)	
_____)	

The Superior Court in Maricopa County has in use new electronic courtrooms (e-courtrooms) utilizing state-of-the-art digital video technology capable of making the trial record. In an e-courtroom, video recordings can be created on VHS tape and digital videodisk formats. Either tapes or disks can be given to the parties immediately following the conclusion of the recorded proceeding. The videotape can be observed immediately on an ordinary video playback machine (VCR). The digital videodisk can be easily reviewed on a standard personal computer within minutes of the conclusion of the proceeding. The videodisk is indexed by major events in the trial and does not need to be viewed from beginning to end (analog fashion), but can be directly accessed, via personal computer, at any of the indexed points.

A.R.S. section 38-424 provides that the Court can use audio or video recording systems to record a proceeding unless a party asks for a court reporter.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. RECORD OF TRIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The official record of court proceedings in electronic courtrooms (e-courtrooms) shall consist of a digitized video recording unless a party or the judge asks for a court reporter. The court will retain a copy of each digital record, and may make duplicate copies on videotape or digital videodisk.

2. DESIGNATED COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The provisions of this order shall apply to all court proceedings in the Superior Court in Maricopa County taking place in an e-courtroom.

Any party or judge may request that a court reporter be present at any proceeding and, when requested, a court reporter shall be provided.

When a court reporter is present, the court reporter's notes/transcript shall be deemed the official court record. Any other recordation of the proceedings shall not constitute the official record. When a court reporter is not present and the court proceedings are being digitally recorded, the digital recording shall be deemed the official court record.

3. TRANSCRIPT ON APPEAL WHEN DIGITAL RECORDING IS THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

Subject to payment or waiver of appropriate fees in the Superior Court, upon filing of a notice of appeal, when a recording is required to be transcribed, the recording shall be transcribed by a transcription service approved by the Superior Court in Maricopa County, into typed form, or by a Superior Court staff court reporter. Upon request of the appellate court, the official digital recording will also be provided to the appellate court. All fees for the preparation of the transcript will be paid to the transcription service or the court reporter.

4. UNOFFICIAL COPIES OF THE RECORD.

Upon request of any party, the court shall record the proceeding on videotape or video compact disk for the party. The party is required, at the party's own expense, to provide the court with a new videotape or new compact disk meeting the court's specifications.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2001

Hon. Colin Campbell
Presiding Judge

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